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(TEXT) PEKING, APRIL 12, 1972 (HSINKUA) -- PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI AND VICE-FOREIGN MINISTER HAN NIEN-LUNG THIS EVENING MET NGUYEN TIEN, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AD INTERIM OF THE EMBASSY OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IN PEKING.

CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. NGUYEN TIEN FORMALLY HANDED PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI A COPY OF THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ON APRIL 11. HE GAVE AN ACCOUNT OF THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS' ACTS OF WAR IN THE LAST FEW DAYS WHEN LARGE NUMBERS OF AIRCRAFT AND WARSHIPS WERE SENT TO ATTACK MANY AREAS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. HE STRONGLY CONDEMNED U.S. IMPERIALISM FOR ITS FRESH CRIMES OF WAR AGAINST THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AND EXPRESSED THE FIRM DETERMINATION OF THE VIETNAMESE ARMYMEN AND PEOPLE TO RESIST THE U.S. AGGRESSORS.

PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI STATED: THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE FIRMLY SUPPORT THE SOLEMN AND JUST STAND OF THE APRIL 11 STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND WILL GIVE ALL-OUT SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE IN CARRYING THROUGH TO THE END THE WAR AGAINST U.S. AGGRESSION AND FOR NATIONAL SALVATION.

THE CHINESE PREMIER SAID: THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS' ATTACKS ON THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CONSTITUTE A SERIOUS INCIDENT OF EXPANDING THE WAR. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE ARE CLOSELY FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS INCIDENT.

HE POINTED OUT: U.S. IMPERIALISM HAS ALREADY SUFFERED IGNOMINIOUS DEFEATS IN ITS WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST VIETNAM. BUT IT STILL REFUSES TO TAKE ITS DEFEAT LYING DOWN. IT IS CONTINUING ITS LAST-DITCH FIGHT, TRYING TO AVERT ITS DEFEAT BY ENLARGING THE SCOPE OF BOMBING. IT WILL NEVER SUCCEED IN THIS, BUT WILL EVOKE STRONGER RESISTANCE OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND AROUSE THE OPPOSITION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD INCLUDING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT, UNITED AS ONE, FIGHTING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER AND PERSISTING IN PROTRACTED RESISTANCE, THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA WILL SURELY FRUSTRATE THE NEW ACTS OF AGGRESSION BY U.S. IMPERIALISM AND WIN COMPLETE VICTORY IN THE WAR AGAINST U.S. AGGRESSION AND FOR NATIONAL SALVATION.

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PRESENT AT THE MEETING WAS NGUYEN DINH BANG, ATTACHE OF THE DRV EMBASSY IN PEKING.

ALSO PRESENT WERE LEADING MEMBERS OF CHINESE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED LU WEI-CHAO AND CHANG TE-WEI AND STAFF MEMBER HU CHIEN-WEN.